

Board of Consultants Services on the Tuttle Creek Dam Foundation Modification Project

Responses to Offerors Questions

1. Q: Can the administrative duties of the Board Chairman (arranging travel, compiling and distributing meeting minutes, etc.) be re-assigned to another member of the Board?

R: No. The responsibilities of the Board Chairman are as stated in the solicitation. The solicitation does allow for "...all administrative services necessary to support these services."

2. Q: Should the offeror/prime consultant also be one of the Board members? Is this required or desired?

R: Yes. The Board Chairman is the primary point of contact for coordinating all the efforts of the Board members including contractual issues. Since the Government has a contractual obligation only with the Offeror (Prime Consultant or Joint Venture) the Board Chairman must represent the Offeror/Prime Consultant. The Board Chairman must also have a contractual obligation with all subcontractors to ensure appropriate management of the Board.

3. Q: Do all board members have to be U.S. Citizens.....or can Canadian Nationals also be on the Board?

R: No, the solicitation does not include citizenship requirements.

4. Q: What will be the insurance requirements for the Board? Do you know what (amount, duration) of error and omissions insurance here will be for the firm hiring the board, also what limits of general liability, etc.

R: There are no requirements for insurance in the solicitation. Insurance is at the discretion of the Offeror.

5. Q: Other boards I have been on had limits of liability or provided hold harmless clauses which covered each board member. What is the intent of the Corp for the current board?

R: Limits of liability and hold harmless clauses are not included in the solicitation and will not be available or applicable.

6. Q: For other projects with the Sacramento District Corp of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, we were self-certifying our small business classification. Will this be the situation for the current board, or will there be revenue statements (1120 Corporate tax returns) required for submission? Will

we be self-certifying as small business with revenue under \$4 million or is there specific SBA certification we require?

R: In submitting offers, Offerors are self-certifying small business status. The Government may verify the small business status of the Offerors at any time.

7. Q: As closure do you have a list of small firms that have expressed interest in quoting on the board?

R: The list of firms registered for the solicitation is available on the internet at the bottom of the solicitation by selecting "View Plan Holders List".

8. Q: If there is no section F, there is no Section G. Is this correct?

R: Clarification of what is required for Section F will be issued as an amendment.

9. Q: In compiling Section Es with block 13 containing each subcategory as instructed, does that mean the lines between the expert subcategories can be crossed. i.e. Bob X, Soil Improvement Expert can be shown for his working experience in earthen dam design, a Deformation Analysis Expert subcategory, the objective being to bring the best collective expertise to the Advisory board?

R: No, we will not consider using cross referencing of expertise within the subcategories. Example, expert 1 sub criteria will be based solely upon one individuals experience.